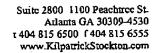
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Dear Examiner Gabel:

Thank you kindly for agreeing to meet with us for purposes of discussing the above-referenced patent application. Pursuant to your instructions, we will plan to meet with you and Examiner Long Le in your office **EO3D64 on the third floor of the Remsen Building on 500 Dulaney Street at 10:30am**. I will be accompanied by Dr. James Dean Johnson (Kilpatrick Stockton and Dr. Carol Nacy (Sequella, Inc. (Applicant)).

As previously mentioned, we are providing here the claims that we intend to discuss. These claims were provided in the Preliminary Amendment filed with the RCE on September 2, 2004. In addition, we are also including a copy of a supplemental information disclosure statement being concurrently submitted to the PTO.

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being facsimile transmitted to Examiner Gabel, Art Unit 1641, (571) 273 0820 on October 11, 2004.

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